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the public tranquillity, to what might occur in a season of tumult and violence. Emancipation may on either side be made the last resort as a war-measure; but we hope not. Much as we abhor slavery, we deprecate for both parties its termination from any other than philanthropic motives and measures, and this termination — already made sure — is now reduced to a mere question of time.

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18. — *The Last Political Writings of GEN. NATHANIEL LYON, U. S. A., with a Sketch of his Life and Military Services.* New York: Rudd and Carleton. 1861. 12mo. pp. 275.

THIS book has very much the air of having been made on speculation. We thank the anonymous author of the Memoir, whose materials were scanty, but who has done his best to commemorate the integrity and probity, loyalty and courage, of one of those young patriot martyrs whose blood has renewed the life-blood of the nation. But considerably more than half of the volume is occupied by a series of newspaper articles written in furtherance of the election of the present President of the United States, worthily instrumental in advancing that end, yet not endowed with any of the characteristics which would have made the writer willing to put them into a permanent form, and to identify his posthumous reputation with them. The volume closes with two elegiac poems, the first of perhaps a little more than the average merit of "machine-made" poetry, the other a mere burlesque of the sentiments it honestly meant to express.

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19. — *Memorial Volume of the First Fifty Years of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.* Boston. 1861. 8vo. pp. 448.

INTENDING to review this volume in our next number, we would now barely announce its appearance and indicate its contents. In 1860, the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions completed its first half-century. The occasion was commemorated by suitable religious exercises, and appropriate discourses and addresses. The narrative of this meeting, with such of its exercises as were furnished for publication, fills the first forty pages of the "Memorial Volume." The residue is devoted to a history of the Board and of its Missions, with an Appendix of valuable documents, lists, and statistics. The work has been prepared by Rev. Dr. Anderson, whose connection with the Board for nearly forty years has been among the most worthy subjects of gratitude connected with its history.